



Black Hills State University Spearfish, South Dakota

History

Black Hills State University was established by the Dakota Territorial Legislature in 1883 as Spearfish Normal School. By 1924 the school was authorized to adopt a four-year curriculum leading to a B.S. in education degree. Known informally as a teacher's college during the 20s and 30s, the name was officially changed to Black Hills Teachers College in 1941. On July 1, 1964, in recognition of the broadening educational opportunities offered by the college, the Legislature officially changed the name to Black Hills State College. The college's role in the state's higher education system has continued to grow and evolve over recent decades. Recognizing the need to be competitive in today's educational market place and at the same time enhance the state's economic development potential, the state Legislature changed the college's name to Black Hills State University, effective July 1, 1989. Dr. Thomas O. Flickema was named the university's eighth president Feb. 8, 1995, following a national search by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Accreditation

The university is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the National Association of Schools of Music. The university is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Commission on Accrediting.

Objective

Enrollment at BHSU remains steady with nearly 4,000 students attending classes at the Spearfish campus, at sites in Rapid City and distance offerings. BHSU, the state's third largest university, is a regional comprehensive public university. Quality education has always been and remains the ultimate objective of the university.

Black Hills State University is committed to maintaining academic excellence through a curriculum consisting of more than 80 majors and minors as well as two master's degree programs, one in education and one in business. The curriculum is delivered by 117 full-time faculty through three colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business and Technology, and Education.



Though providing a quality education is the university's primary mission, extending its human and physical resources to the people of the state and region is also important. Resources available to area citizens include: the Madeline Young Speaker's Series, economic development workshops, a computer-linked state library network, faculty speakers, consultants, extension classes, drama series, concert series, correspondence courses, conferences, and workshops. The university, in partnership with the Spearfish arts community, hosts the annual Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts featuring workshops, instruction, and entertainment in the visual arts, dance and music.

Curricula

College of Arts and Science:

The mission of the College of Arts and Sciences is to provide all students with the opportunity to acquire a broad liberal arts education in the areas of Fine and Applied Arts, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. These experiences develop valuable skills in critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, the use of scientific method and oral and written communications as well as a

greater understanding and appreciation for different cultures and international issues. Along with classroom instruction, the college fosters research and other creative activities between faculty and students.

The College of Arts and Sciences has produced many student success stories within the diverse disciplines encompassed in its six departments. Many BHSU graduates go on to graduate school.



College of Business and Technology:

The College of Business and Technology provides students with the professional competencies necessary to become leaders in an ever changing global environment. In order to make optimal organizational decisions, business students learn



to integrate and apply knowledge of key functions. Similarly, technology graduates will be able to integrate and apply their knowledge of communications, construction, manufacturing, power, energy, and transportation to solve problems. Opportunities are provided for all students to gain leadership skills through involvement with student organizations and to gain practical experiences through internships in cooperation with business and industry.

The BHSU business program, which is one of the largest in the area, was recently accredited by an internationally recognized accreditation agency. Faculty members are actively engaged in applied research and publication. This keeps them on the cutting edge of their disciplines and enables them to infuse their lectures with freshness, insight and relevance.

College of Education:

The College of Education provides courses of study leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in education, including special education, at the pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle school and secondary school levels. A distance delivered Associate of Science paraprofessional degree is also offered through the College of Education. A course of study resulting in a Master of Science degree is available in curriculum and instruction (P-12). The Master of Science in Curriculum and

Instruction degree is offered on campus, online and in cohort groups throughout the region. The program offers specialty emphasis strands in curriculum development, technology in education, and reading.

Majors:

General courses of study include the following majors: Accounting, American Indian Studies, Applied Technical Science, Art, Art Education, Biology, Biology Education, Business Administration, Business Education, Chemistry, Chemistry Education, Communication Arts, Early Childhood Special Education, Elementary Education, English, English Education, Environmental Physical Science, Health Services Administration, History, History Education, Human Resource Management, Human Services, Industrial Technology, Marketing, Mass Communications, Mathematics, Mathematics Education, Mathematics and Science Education, Middle School Education, Music, Music - Instrumental or Vocal Education, Outdoor Education, Physical Education, Physical Science, Physical Science Education, Political Science, Professional Accountancy, Psychology, Science Education, Social Science, Social Science Teaching, Sociology, Spanish, Spanish Education, Special Education, Speech, Speech Education, Theatre, Theatre Education, Technology Education, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Wellness Management.



Pre-professional:

The general education and liberal arts curricula provide a suitable background for students planning to complete their education in the following areas: Agriculture, Chiropractic Medicine, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Fisheries Biology, Forestry, Law, Medical Technology, Medicine, Mortuary Science, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Podiatric Medicine, Range Management, Respiratory Therapy, Veterinary Medicine, and Wildlife Management.

Other Curricula:

Two-year associate of science degrees are available in the following areas: Application Programming, Administrative Assistant, Drafting Technology, Parapro-

fessional Education, Network Administration, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Web Administration.

Graduate Curricula:

Graduate classes leading to a master of science degree in Curriculum and Instruction (P-12) is available through the College of Education and a master of science degree in Business Services Management is available through the College of Business and Technology. The College of Arts and Sciences, in conjunction with the University of South Dakota, offers graduate studies leading to the master of arts degree in English.

Course Delivery Options

BHSU has taken steps to adapt to the changing needs of its students by offering a number of course delivery options. All Regental higher education classes in Rapid City are coordinated through the recently established Center for Higher Education – West River. BHSU offers a variety of classes at several locations in Rapid City.

Black Hills State University has increased the number and variety of courses available by distance education. Currently, several hundred students are enrolled in distance education courses within South Dakota and beyond. Some students use distance education options to complement their on-campus schedules; other students use them as their primary outlet. BHSU currently offers a master of science in curriculum degree entirely online; the degree is also offered on campus and through cohort groups in the Black Hills region.

The Campus

The BHSU campus is recognized as one of the most beautiful campuses in the region. Today the university campus in Spearfish consists of 123 acres and 20 main buildings in addition to Ida Henton Park and Lyle Hare Stadium.

Clare and Josef Meier Hall, a state-of-the-art music and classroom building, was added in the center of campus recently. This new \$8.25 million 44,919 square-foot building includes a 280-seat recital hall, choir and band rooms, faculty studios, classrooms, soundproof practice rooms, conference rooms, instrument storage areas, keyboard, listening and piano labs and faculty offices. Many community performances are held in the recital hall in the new building.

A recent \$1 million donation has invigorated plans for a new theatre on campus. Consideration is also being given to remodeling the existing theatre in Woodburn Hall.

A majority of the instructional programs and offices are housed in Woodburn Hall, Cook Hall, Jonas Hall, and the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. The E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center contains learning resources, both print and non-print. The university library is also the site of the mainframe computer that services the statewide library network.

Five residence halls and an apartment complex accommodate nearly 850 students. The David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union serves the social and recreational needs of the students. The Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center, which was completed in 1990 to serve the university and community.

